

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 1-8, as set forth in the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006. It was contended by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, that claim 18 was a substantial duplicate of claim 8. Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; accordingly, this contention by the Examiner is moot.

The amendments to the claims suggested by the Examiner in Item 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, are noted. Applicants have amended claims 1, 5 and line 2 of claim 6 as suggested by the Examiner, the word "the" being deleted before the word "interconnects" in line 16 of claim 1. With respect to the suggested amendment in claim 6, in lines 3 and 4 of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, please note that original claim 6 only had three lines; accordingly, reference to a line 32 in claim 6 is not understood.

In any event, Applicants have amended line 3 of claim 6, to recite -- an elastic modulus -- rather than "that".

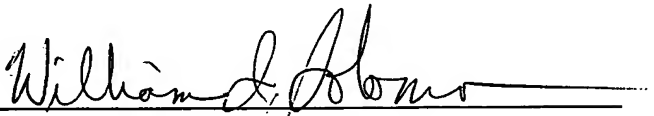
In view of the present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all formal matters raised by the Examiner in Item 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, have been addressed and overcome.

Accordingly, passing of the above-identified application to issue, in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.16. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout and Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1374.43386X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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